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SUBJECT: VISIT OF U.S. NUCLEAR TEAM

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1. AS REQUESTED REFTEL, FOLLOWING ARE EMBASSY'S SUGGESTIONS
AND THOUGHTS REGARDING VISIT OF THE U.S. NUCLEAR TEAM.

2. LIST OF KEY ROC OFFICIALS WOULD INCLUDE:

A. PRESIDENTIAL OFFICE - YEN CHIA-KAN, PRESIDENT, AND
CHAIRMAN OF NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL; CHOU SHU-KAI (S. K.
CHOW), MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO.

B. EXECUTIVE YUAN - CHIANG CHING-KUO, PREMIER.

C. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS - SHEN CH'ANG-HUAN,
MINISTER; CH'IENT FU (FRED), VICE-MINISTER.

D. MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE - KAO K'UEI-YUAN,
MINISTER; ADMIRAL SUNG CH'ANG-CHIH, CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF.

E. MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS - SUN YUN-HSUAN,
MINISTER.

F. NATIONAL SCIENCE COUNCIL - SHU SHIEN-SIU,
CHAIRMAN, AND FORMER PRESIDENT, NATIONAL TSING HUA UNIVERSITY (NTHU).

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G. ATOMIC ENERGY COUNCIL - CH'IENT SZU-LIANG,

CHAIRMAN; CHENG CHEN-HUA (VICTOR), SECRETARY-GENERAL, AND
DIRECTOR, INSTITUTE OF NUCLEAR SCIENCE, NTHU.

H. CHUNG SHAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
(CIST) - GENERAL TANG CHUN-PO, PRESIDENT; VICE-ADMIRAL
HSIA HSIN, VICE-PRESIDENT.

I. INSTITUTE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY RESEARCH (INER) -
DR. CHIEN JI-PENG, DIRECTOR; LI YU-HAO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR.
IN ADDITION, WE MIGHT SUGGEST MEETINGS WITH NON-POLICY
LEVEL ROC OFFICIALS AND SCIENTISTS WHO ARE INVOLVED WITH
NUCLEAR AFFAIRS, AS FOLLOWS:

J. TAIWAN POWER COMPANY - CHU SHU-LIN (DAVID CHU),
PRESIDENT; CHU PAO-HSI, DIRECTOR, ATOMIC POWER DEPARTMENT;
LIU BEI-CH'UN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, ATOMIC POWER DEPARTMENT.

K. OTHER - YANG CHIO-MIN, CHAIRMAN, DEPARTMENT OF
NUCLEAR ENGINEERING, NTHU; HAO LU-CHEN (PAUL), CHAIRMAN,
UNION INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE.

WE CONSIDER THIS LIST AS PRELIMINARY IN NATURE, AND
ALSO ENVISAGE THAT SOME OF THESE CALLS COULD BE COMBINED.
EXPECT THE TEAM WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET SUBORDINATE
OFFICERS OF EACH OF THE ORGANIZATIONS MENTIONED IN THE
COURSE OF THEIR VISIT.

3. REGARDING FACILITIES TO BE VISITED, WE WOULD PLACE
HIGHEST PRIORITY ON INER AND CIST WHICH ARE CO-LOCATED AT
LUNG-TAN, TAO YUAN COUNTY, ABOUT ONE HOUR FROM TAIPEI.
WHILE AT INER WE WOULD RECOMMEND THE TEAM SEE THE TAIWAN
RESEARCH REACTOR (TRR), FUEL FABRICATION PLANT, REPROCESSING
LABORATORY, HOT ISOTOPE LABORATORY, WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES
AND ALL FACILITIES EQUIPPED FOR HANDLING PLUTONIUM. WHILE
AT INER, WE SUGGEST THE TEAM PRESERVE THE OPTION TO ENTER
ALL BUILDINGS AND NOT BE RESTRICTED BY AN ITINERARY TO A
SPECIFIC SET OF FACILITIES. WE WOULD ALSO RECOMMEND THAT
THE TEAM VISIT NTHU AND THE UNION INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH
INSTITUTE CO-LOCATED AT HSIN-CHU, ALSO ABOUT ONE HOUR FROM
TAIPEI. AND WE RECOMMEND THE TEAM VISIT AT LEAST ONE OF
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THE THREE NUCLEAR POWER GENERATION SITES UNDER CONSTRUCTION
BY TAIWAN POWER COMPANY; PREFERABLY THE CHIN-SHAN SITE
LOCATED IN TAIPEI COUNTY ABOUT 45 MINUTES DRIVE FROM
TAIPEI. RELATED FACILITIES WHICH THE TEAM MIGHT WISH TO
VISIT WOULD BE THE CHUNG CHENG INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
LOCATED AT TA-HSI, TAO YUAN COUNTY, AND THE WASTE DISPOSAL
FACILITIES UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON ORCHID ISLAND, TAI-TUNG
COUNTY.

4. WE BELIEVE THAT THE TEAM SHOULD BE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH ITS STATED PURPOSE WITHIN A TWO-WEEK PERIOD. EXACT TIMING WILL DEPEND ON THE ITINERARY SELECTED. FOR EXAMPLE, VISITS TO ORCHID ISLAND AND THE MAAN-SHAN NUCLEAR POWER GENERATION SITE WOULD ADD TWO OR THREE DAYS TO THE VISIT. TOURS OF CIST AND INER, CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL, MIGHT TAKE UP TWO DAYS TIME DEPENDING ON THE DEGREE TO WHICH THE TEAM WISHES TO REVIEW THE ACTIVITIES OF THESE INSTALLATIONS. WE WOULD EXPECT TEAM TO SPEND AT LEAST ONE DAY IN CONFERENCE WITH EMBASSY AT BEGINNING OF VISIT, AND ALSO AT CONCLUSION FOR PURPOSE OF FORMULATING WITH EMBASSY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WASHINGTON ON RESPONSE TO PREMIER'S OFFER. THE TEAM MAY ALSO WISH TO HAVE FURTHER CONSULTATIONS AT EMBASSY DURING THE COURSE OF ITS VISIT. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, WE BELIEVE THE TEAM'S INSTRUCTIONS SHOULD CLEARLY STATE PRIOR TO VISIT AS FAR AS POSSIBLE THE PURPOSES TO BE ACHIEVED AS BETWEEN (A) A SURVEY OF ALL FACILITIES AND CONTACT WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS WITH A VIEW TO FORMULATING RECOMMENDATIONS, IN CONSULTATION WITH EMBASSY, ABOUT UTILITY AND PURPOSE OF FUTURE USG INSPECTION ACTIVITIES ON TAIWAN, OR (B) ACTUAL THOROUGH INSPECTION OF FACILITIES IN EFFORT TO UNCOVER ANY "ACTIVITIES RELATED TO REPROCESSING PURPOSES".

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5. WE STRONGLY BELIEVE -- AND IT SEEMS TO BE WITHIN THE SPIRIT OF THE PREMIER'S OFFER TO US -- THAT THE TEAM SHOULD ASSUME IT WILL HAVE FREE ACCESS TO ALL AREAS, INSTALLATIONS AND FACILITIES WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE DECLARED BY GROC TO BE RELATED TO NUCLEAR RESEARCH AND

DEVELOPMENT. THE DETERMINATION OF PLACES TO BE VISITED SHOULD BE MADE BY THE TEAM ITSELF, NOT BY ROC AUTHORITIES. THE TEAM SHOULD NOT FEEL CONSTRAINED TO STICK TO ANY ITINERARY PREPARED AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF ITS VISIT. IT IS ESSENTIAL TO ESTABLISH AT THE OUTSET THAT THE TEAM HAS COMPLETE FREEDOM TO DETERMINE INDEPENDENTLY WHAT IT WANTS TO SEE AND INSPECT, IN ORDER TO AVOID ESTABLISHING A PRECEDENT UNDER WHICH THE ROC, NOW OR LATER, COULD DENY ACCESS TO FACILITIES WHICH IT DECLARES ARE UNRELATED TO THE ROC NUCLEAR PROGRAM. WITH THIS IN MIND, WE SUGGEST THAT THE ITINERARY NOT BE RIGIDLY FIXED, OR "AGREED UPON", WITH THE ROC IN ADVANCE.

6. ANOTHER IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION, IN OUR VIEW, IS THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE TEAM BE FULLY CLEARED FOR SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION RELATING TO THE ROC NUCLEAR PROGRAM, AND ESPECIALLY FOR INFORMATION ON ROC ACTIVITIES RELATED TO REPROCESSING. WE BELIEVE THAT ROC OFFICIALS AND SCIENTISTS WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO DETERMINE THE SOURCES OF, AS WELL AS THE DEPTH OF, U.S. KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR NUCLEAR PROGRAM DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH TEAM MEMBERS. WE ARE ESPECIALLY CONCERNED NOT TO SHOW OUR HAND IN AREAS WHERE THE ROC CAN DISCOVER EXISTING, OR FRUSTRATE FUTURE, INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION EFFORTS.

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7. WE ALSO ANTICIPATE THAT ROC OFFICIALS WILL ATTEMPT TO USE THE VISIT OF THE TEAM TO THEIR ADVANTAGE, MUCH AS THEY USED THE PUBLICATION OF LAST SUMMER'S IAEA INSPECTION RESULTS TO OFFSET THE ADVERSE EFFECT OF PRESS STORIES REGARDING 'SECRET NUCLEAR REPROCESSING'. WITH THIS IN MIND, THE TEAM MIGHT CONSIDER BEFOREHAND HOW IT PLANS TO HANDLE ROUTINE INQUIRIES BY SCIENTISTS, OFFICIALS, THE MEDIA AND OTHERS WITH REGARD TO THE NATURE OF ITS FINDINGS, AS WELL AS WHETHER IT WILL MAKE PUBLIC ANY SUMMARY STATEMENTS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE TRIP. IN OUR VIEW, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE TEAM STUDIOUSLY AVOID LEAVING THE IMPRESSION WITH ANYONE THAT IT HAS BEEN REASSURED AS TO THE ROC'S NUCLEAR INTENTIONS. ON THE CONTRARY, THE TEAM SHOULD CONVEY OUR CONTINUING CONCERN AND DOUBTS. AN IMPORTANT FUNCTION OF THE TEAM'S VISIT WILL BE TO ENSURE THAT ROC OFFICIALS THOROUGHLY UNDERSTAND OUR NON-PROLIFERATION POLICIES, INCLUDING THE GRAVE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE ROC OF ENGAGING, OR ATTEMPTING TO ENGAGE, IN REPROCESSING.

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